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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Comments on CFEP 568/1, "Foreign Economic Policy
Recommendations for Africa South of the Sahara"

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Chairman, CFEP, dated 5 June 1958,
transmitting CFEP 568/1

1. Every facet of the suggestions included in the policy recommendation paper inaugurates a change in the lives of the people, thus opening to the Russians expanded opportunities for penetration. Any imbalance, growth, economic development or new idea is an invitation to Russian penetration. Planning to forestall or combat this must pervade all United States activity in Africa.

2. In Item #3., Health, the sentence under b. should read as follows: "... for equipping and staffing modern clinics." Provision should be made for the training of local health officers or "semi-doctors", as is now being done in Ethiopia.

3. In Item #6., Economic Assistance, in the next-to-the-last sentence of the second paragraph, facts are in error. The establishment of the Foundation for Mutual Assistance in Africa South of the Sahara (FMAA) in early 1958 under the CCTA provides financial assistance.

4. The placing of the subject, "Soviet Economic Penetration", as the last item in the paper may have no significance in the mind of the author, but we feel it should receive the major attention.

5. A major omission of the recommendations lies in the restriction of surveys to the field of geology. Maps at a scale adequate for economic planning are basic to all development and should be initiated at an early date.

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